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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : **Benedikt Ahlers, et al.**
Title : **Hand Sensor Authenticity Identification of Signets on Documents**
Serial No. : **09/899,742**
Confirmation No. : **2940**
Filed : **July 3, 2001**
Group Art Unit : **2878**

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Petition for Restoration of Filing Date Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10

To the Commissioner:

The above-referenced application was filed by Express Mail on July 3, 2001. However, the application was accorded a filing date of July 4, 2001 as reflected on the filing receipt (a copy of which is enclosed – on which the error in the filing date has been noted).

Applicant filed a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt on May 19, 2003 (a copy of this request and its attachments is enclosed herewith). Applicant received a Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt noting that “A copy of the Express Mail label was not enclosed with your request. Petitions under 37 CFR 1.10 require a copy of the Express Mail Label to be

submitted.” It appears that Applicant’s request filed on May 19, 2003, was not considered as a

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petition under 37 CFR § 1.10 as a copy of the Express Mail Label was not included with Applicant's request. Applicant hereby respectfully requests that that this current petition under 37 CFR § 1.10 be granted despite the omission of a copy of the Express Mail receipt from its July 3, 2001 filing of the above-referenced application.

Applicant has been unable to locate the Express Mail receipt to verify that the current application was deposited on July 3, 2001 rather than July 4, 2001. Applicant has contacted the United States Postal Service to obtain verification of the deposit of the Express Mail with the Postal Service on July 3, 2001. However, it appears that this information is not available at the United States Postal Service.

The records from the United States Postal Service which we were able to obtain and which were included with Applicant's May 19, 2003 Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt show that the Express Mail package including the current application was received at the USPTO on July 5, 2001. It is practice of Applicant's attorney's office to file all patent applications by Express Mail. The Express Mail packages are deposited with the United States Postal Service by way of a postal pick-up at Applicant's attorneys' office made by a United States Postal Service employee. July 4 is also annually a postal holiday and postal pick-ups are not made on postal holidays. Thus, the current application would not have been filed by Express Mail on July 4, but rather July 3, 2001. Furthermore, Applicant's attorneys' office is annually closed on July 4 and thus Applicant's attorneys would not have filed the application on July 4.

As evidence of Applicant's filing of the current application on July 3, 2001 and in support of this petition, Applicant is enclosing herewith a statement from Shahan Islam (Reg. No. 32,507) who filed the current application on July 3, 2001 by depositing it as Express Mail in

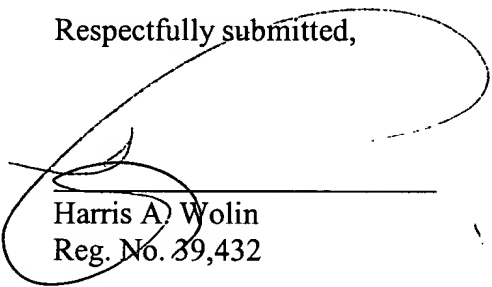
the U.S. Postal Service, and who signed the Certificate of Mailing pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10 that appears on

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the filing date of July 3, 2001 be accorded to the above-referenced application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$130 for this petition fee on Deposit Account No. 50-1290. It is believed that no other fees are due with this petition. However, if any other fees are due with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this petition to the applicant's undersigned attorney who may be reached directly by telephone at (212)940-8708.

Respectfully submitted,



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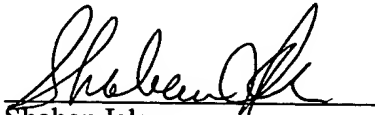
**Declaration of Shahan Islam in Support of
Petition for Restoration of Filing Date Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10**

I, Shahan Islam (Reg. No. 32,507) declare that:

1. I was the Applicant's attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
2. On July 3, 2001, I filed the above-referenced patent application by depositing it as Express Mail with the United States Postal Service.
3. The application was filed by Express Mail addressed to, "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231."
4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further

that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: June 30, 2002


Shahan Islam